

6.5 MEMBERSHIP OF THE AEC OPERATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Responsible Officer : Chief Executive Officer (F James)

RECOMMENDATION

ITEM 6.4: RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Given that the Albany Entertainment Centre (AEC) Operational Advisory Committee is a Committee of an operational nature, and for the foreseeable future the City of Albany will not be required to make any strategic or operational commitments in respect of the AEC, COUNCIL APPOINTS the City of Albany's Chief Executive Officer as the City's only representative on the AEC Operational Advisory Committee.

IN BRIEF

Presently two members of Council and the City of Albany's Chief Executive Officer are members of the AEC Operational Advisory Committee. With the changed nature of this committee, being much more operational in nature, representation by Council members is no longer needed.

BACKGROUND

1. The AEC is owned and operated by the State Government, and it is likely that this will continue for the foreseeable future.
2. The AEC Operational Advisory Committee is auspiced and Chaired by Perth Theatre Trust (PTT). PTT is the current State-appointed managers of the AEC.
3. The Committee meets periodically to discuss operational matters for the AEC.
4. Committee meetings are currently attended by:
 - Peter Alexandra (Chair), Trustee of the PTT;
 - Alan Ferris, General Manager of the PTT;
 - Rodney Phillips, Chief Executive of Odgen (appointed by PTT as professional managers of the AEC)
 - Garry Snowdon, General Manager, AEC
 - Officer from the Great Southern Development Commission
 - City of Albany representatives
5. The next meeting of the above Committee will occur before the November Ordinary Council Meeting, and so appointment to it is required prior to that date.

CEO:

DISCUSSION

- 6. The Committee does not decide strategic or policy decisions in respect of the AEC. All such decisions are made by the State Government on advice of PTT.
- 7. The business of the Committee for many months has resolved around how PTT, Odgen, the Great Southern Development Commission and the City of Albany can cooperatively work together on operational matters impacting on the AEC.
- 8. The City of Albany Chief Executive Officer attends all meetings of the Committee, and is the one that implements any actions required of the City, arising from business of the Committee.
- 9. Council can nominate up to two Council Members to the Committee, if it wishes.

GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION

- 10. Nil.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION/ENGAGEMENT

- 11. Nil.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 12. As this Committee is not a committee of Council, the Local Government Act does not apply to it.
- 13. Regulation 9 of the *Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007* specifically discourages council members' involvement in tasks of the administration of the City unless authorised by the Council.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

- 14. Nil.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 15. Nil.

RISK IDENTIFICATION & MITIGATION

| Risk | Likelihood | Consequence | Risk Analysis | Mitigation |
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| <i>Council does not support appointments to the AEC Operational Advisory Committee</i> | <i>Unlikely</i> | <i>High</i> | <i>Extreme</i> | <i>The proposed committee membership will be further reviewed and resubmitted to a future Council meeting, however the Council will not have a representative on that Committee during that time.</i> |

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 16. Nil.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

17. Nil.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

18. Nil.

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| Consulted References | <i>Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007</i> <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> |
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